GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN FOREIGN TRADE DEVELOPMENT ACT
MALYALA RAJAIAH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make necessary changes to the `Foreign Trade Development Act`(FTDA) to enable the clearance of goods under ATA carnet at Hyderabad Airport and Visakhapatnam Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) : India is a contracting party to the ATA Carnet system which is administered here by the Department of Customs in association with the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)Presently ATA carnets in India are authorised only at Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai and Cochin ports.Hyderabad and Visakhapattanam ports are presently not allowed to accept ATA carnets. Extension of this facility is considered by the customs in association with the FICCI as and when the need arises. There is no need to amend the FTDR Act for this purpose.